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On 20 July 1949 CHIAO Chia-fu*, a woman Mongol leader from one of the
Torgut banners in Sinkiang Province, met Prince Te in Lanchow and told him
that the representatives of the Sinkiang leagues and banners were not in a
position to send delegates to the assembly of Mongols scheduled to be held
at Tinguanying (105-36, 38-48) on 30 July 1949. The reasons given were as
follows:

- a. Most Sinkiang tribes now favor the Soviet-supported Ili government,
which has made rapid progress under the influence of the USSR and as a
result of CHANG Chih-chung's hands-off policy, which stemmed from his
fear of incidents with the Ili group which might have caused him to lose
prestige with the Central Government.
- b. The Sinkiang leagues and banners have been broken up. Those in the
northern part of Sinkiang Province are under the influence of the
Mongolian People's Republic (MPR) as the result of years of propaganda
from that area. All Mongol schools in northern Sinkiang Province use
MPR textbooks, and in mid-August 1949 thirty Mongol youths from this
region were to go to the MPR for further study. The Sinkiang Provincial
officials have been either too indolent or too timid to interfere with
this spread of MPR influence.
- c. Prince Te is ostensibly still cooperating with the Nationalist
Government, which the Sinkiang tribes resent because of its failure in
Sinkiang Province. They see no protection for themselves in the 80,000
Nationalist troops scattered over Sinkiang Province in small groups 100
to 150 miles apart.
- d. Although Masud Sabri and Aisabek organized a delegation to congratulate
MA Pu-fang on his recent appointment as successor to CHANG Chih-chung
as Director of the Northwest Military and Political Headquarters, the
weakness of their position is evidenced by the fact that Burhan,
Governor of Sinkiang Province, sent a wire to CHIAO Chia-fu urging her
not to go with the delegation even if she were invited to do so. Masud
Sabri and Aisabek are planning to go into exile in India as a last

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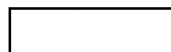
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resort. Sinkiang Mongols report that Burhan's cooperation with the Soviet consul in Tihua is growing closer.

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